

MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2001, 7:00 P.M.

GENERALIZED SUMMARY

VERBATIM DISCUSSION ON TAPE ON FILE IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE

President McKinney called the meeting to order. Auditor Mills called the roll: Brad Beaver, John A. Hiatt, Christine Altman, Rick McKinney, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter and Jim Belden. Auditor Mills declared a quorum.

Everyone stood for a prayer by President Rick McKinney and remained standing for the pledge of allegiance.

Councilor Altman moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2000, as amended. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Altman moved to approve the minutes of Joint Session with the Hamilton County Parks Department of December 13, 2000. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Belden moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2001. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dick Frost, Carmel, had commentary to the Hamilton County Council.

Mr. Melvin Featherston, Noblesville, commented on the 146th Street Project, cutting costs and getting tuff on appropriations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President

President McKinney updated the Council on the following:

Criminal Justice Survey

Attended County Government Day with Councilor Levine

Talked with Public Access Counselor on meeting notifications

Kathy Myers with Soil and Water District is having an Annual meeting on March 6 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Vice President

Vice President Levine reported:

There are 200 bills at the state that will effect county government and how county government operates.

There is a bill in both houses to abolish the dog tax.

Highway

Councilor Beaver reported:

Highway Committee met.

Hamilton County Council and Commissioners met with the Carmel City Council and Mayor Brainard. There has been no decisions made by Carmel at this time.

Until the elected officials in Carmel can come up with a plan Hamilton County will not moved forward on any intersections.

Councilor Altman:

Carmel is to prioritize their intersection list and get back to Hamilton County.

Hamilton County made it clear on how Hamilton County uses money (ie..money is used on projects that are ready) and unless Carmel gives Hamilton County prompt feedback monies that were reserved for Clay Township may be used on other projects that are ready.

President McKinney:

He attended the Carmel City meeting and spoke with the Carmel City Council and was told that no decisions have been made.

Councilor Belden:

Thought the meeting was very open and everyone was on the same page.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve Resolution 02-07-01-01 for Purchase of Real Estate. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Finance

Councilor Hiatt:

Reported that there is a problem with the EMS Training Contracts.

Individuals are training in Cicero and Arcadia and then moving to other units in the County for higher pay. The language in the EMS Training Contracts does not cover individuals going to other units within the county.

Councilor Hiatt and Attorney John Culp are to meet and discuss these contracts.

Councilor Altman:

Recommended to amend the contracts to clarify this issue.

Councilor Altman moved to suspend all payments until the repay agreements are revised. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Belden-no; Carter-no; Levine-yes; McKinney-no; Altman-yes; Hiatt-no and Beaver-no. The motion failed (5-2).

John Culp, Attorney:

Reported that Cicero has their own agreement with individuals about training and if they leave for employment anywhere (outside or inside Hamilton County) they will have to reimburse the Town for training costs.

Mr. Culp stated that he would meet with County Attorney Mike Howard and have the amendments to the contract by the next County Council meeting.

On another matter Councilor Hiatt reported that he has an issue with the Drainage Board and notices that they send out and he will discuss this matter with Kent Ward.

GIS

Larry Stout reported on the following:

The spring 2000 digital orthophotos are now available for viewing and downloading from our web page.

We received four proposals for updating the base map from new aerial photography in the spring of this year. We plan to select the winning proposal and begin contract negotiations next week.

We have received our third royalty check from ASI for sales of the ids CD. This brings our total ids revenue to date to \$19,940. Our expenses to date have been \$64,500.

We will be making a request for an additional appropriation in your March meeting for software to enhance and extend our ability to provide map and GIS information on the web site. We believe this is an appropriate use of the Enhanced Access revenue we have received over the past four years. (See Indiana Code 5-14-3-8.3)

Four people will be attending a seminar on The legal Issues of Spatial Data Access on February 16. Ann Mullin O'Connor will be the speaker.

House Bill 1402 and 1503 would change the Indiana law governing the sale of GIS data. We believe either bill could have adverse effects on our ability to share data with cities and towns in Hamilton County and with adjoining counties such as Marion County. The AIC has taken a position against both bills as currently written. Both bills have been assigned to subcommittee.

Personnel

Councilor Carter:

Reported that the committee met on January 29th. (See exhibit)

Departments with salaries issues for discussion: Sheriff Department, Extension Office, Court Administration and Commissioners

Employee Handbook revision for Exempt Employees

Councilor Beaver moved to be allowed to go back to Miscellaneous Items at the end of the meeting. Councilor Levine seconded the motion and the motion carried (7-0).

President McKinney asked for the general consent of the Council to allow Councilor Hiatt to replace him on the E911 Board. It was agreed and Councilor Hiatt will now serve on the E911 Board.

Miscellaneous

Mike Reuter, Financial Consultant

Update on the Hamilton County Highway Bond Report (See exhibit)

Hamilton County Highway Bonds are in very good shape.

Reported that the County Tax Rate came in at a decrease of 1.26%.

Councilor Altman asked if a R/W Fund could be created? Mr. Reuter stated that this would be an issue that needed to be looked at by the attorney.

Hamilton North Library Appointment

Councilor Beaver moved to appoint Laura Holliday to the Hamilton North Library. Councilor Altman seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Additional Appropriation Opinion

President McKinney reported that the Attorney General has rescinded the additional appropriation opinion and that it now only takes a simple majority to pass an additional appropriation. President McKinney moved to go back to a simple majority to pass additional appropriations. Councilor Altman seconded the motion and the motion carried (7-0). (See exhibit)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tabled Items from 11-01-00

Visitor & Convention Bureau

No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Appointment to Safety Committee

Councilor Altman accepted the Board Appointment to the Safety Committee.

ADDITIONAL, TRANSFERS AND AMEND FORM 144

Councilor Altman moved to approve County General Clerk line item 3204 Leases for Equipment for \$9,000. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve County General Commissioner line item 3816 Humane Society Spay/Neuter Program for \$50,000. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Beaver-yes; Belden-yes; Levine-yes; McKinney-no; Altman-no; Hiatt-yes and Carter-yes. The motion carried (5-2).

Councilor Altman moved to approve County General Commissioners line item 3713 Contractual for \$25,000. The motion died for lack of second. President McKinney stated that his vote was predicated on voting for the seconded request of \$75,000.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve County General ISSD line item 4052 Software Development for \$180,000. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve County General Election line item 4011 Machinery/Equipment for \$21,000. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Carter moved to approve 144 amendment for Extension line item 1004 A. Ginder for \$30,573 retro-active to January. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0) Councilor Beaver was out of the room.

Councilor Altman moved to approve County General Plan Commission line item 1016 Per Diem for \$7,500 as long as this money is not transferred to another line item. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-1) with Councilor Beaver abstaining.

Councilor Carter moved to approve 144 amendment for Sheriff line item 1004 D. Nickel to \$60,750 retro-active to January. Councilor Altman seconded the motion. The motion carried (6-0) Councilor Beaver was out of the room.

The item for the Commissioners amendment for Safety/Risk Management was pulled from the agenda and will appear on the March agenda.

Mr. Al Patterson, Hamilton County Parks Director, was present to request a \$150,000 additional appropriation to fund North Pool Improvements. This request was originally in the Parks two year action plan. However, the funds are needed sooner so that the work can be done and the Parks Department can be ready to open the pool by Memorial Day. The Parks Department will have a Public Meeting with the Town of Arcadia on February 27, 2001 so that the Town can give their input on what they would like done with the pool.

Councilor Levine moved to approve Parks Department additional to line items 1401 Social Security for \$3,229; 1402 Group Insurance for \$2,005 and line item 1403 Retirement for \$2,310. President McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Parks Department additional line item 4022 Buildings & Structures for \$150,000 with the following amendment-the Parks Department can apply this money as they see fit to the two year action plan and that no further additional will be funded until the grants are secured. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion

carried (7-0).

Councilor Altman moved to approve 144 amendment for E911 Fund line item 1001 T. Garner to \$55,076. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0). The County Council would like to know what the Noblesville and Carmel Dispatch Directors are paid.

Councilor Altman moved to approve Major Bridge Fund additional line item 3839 Field Drive/White River for \$14,050. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve Construction Fund Hwy Bond Phase 2 additional line item 089-3831 Strawtown Avenue Phase 2 Construction for \$300,000. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve 201 Cumulative Bridge Fund line item 201-000-000-0168 Bridge #168 116th Street/Mudd Creek for \$200,000 and the post pone the \$800,000 for Construction until the five year bridge plan has been reviewed. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve 203 CCD Highway Fund line items 3108 Site Conversion/Repair for \$78,554; 3814 Environmental for \$21,916 and 3929 R/W Acquisition for \$10,000. Councilor Levine seconded the motion and the motion carried (7-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Beaver moved to explore the possibility of hiring a grant writer for Hamilton County and supplement this request with the monies that are currently in the Council budget. The request will be referred to the Finance Committee. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

President McKinney recommended the following dates for Budget Hearings: August 22, 23, 24 and 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Council agreed to these dates and times.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

There were none.

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS

There were none.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Those present:

Tammy Baitz, Clerk Larry Stout, GIS

BJ Casali, ISSD Melvin Featherson, Citizen

Allen Patterson, Parks Dan Stevens, Sheriff Department

Kija Ireland, Human Resources Sheena Randall, Human Resources

Jeff Rushforth, Safety/Risk Director Les Locke, Highway Engineer

Dick Frost, Citizen Tom Stevens, Highway Director

Mike Reuter, Consultant Susan Miller, Star

Emily Pitman, Topics Larry Dawson, Envoy

President Auditor